

the execution of a bond in the sum of \$200, conditioned that it should not be sold or otherwise disposed of until relabeled in conformity with the provisions of the Federal Food and Drugs Act.

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20396. Misbranding of Tricasco Rx. U.S. v. 156 Packages of Tricasco Rx. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. no. 29116. Sample no. 3643-A.)

Examination of the drug preparation Tricasco Rx disclosed that the article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed on the carton label and in the circular shipped with the article. The article was represented to be a vegetable preparation, whereas it contained mineral drugs.

On or about October 25, 1932, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid, a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 156 packages of Tricasco Rx at Detroit, Mich., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about September 1, 1932, by Tricasco Laboratories, from Chicago, Ill., to Detroit, Mich., and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this Department showed that it consisted essentially of potassium iodide (0.7 gram per 100 milliliters), ammonium acetate, small proportions of a magnesium compound and a cathartic resin, a trace of a salicylate, sugar, and water.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the statement, "prepared from the extracts obtained of roots, barks and leaves", appearing on the carton, was false and misleading in view of the composition of the article. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the following statements appearing in the labeling were false and fraudulent: (Carton) "For the treatment of a Run-down Condition and various other Ailments Detrimental to Health. A System Cleanser and Tonic * * * to bring back resistance to disease * * * for the elimination of impurities and acids in your body which cause so many diseases. * * * Nature's laws are perfect if only we obey them, but disease follows disobedience. Go straight to nature for the cure, to the forest, the field and the meadow. Curative mysteries are hidden there, many of which are contained in this prescription"; (circular) "* * * to cleanse your body of such poisons that are the cause of so many diseases, and which result in what is so commonly called 'a run down system.' * * * to let the world of human sufferers learn of its power to relieve their ills. * * * rids the poisons, impurities and acids of the body which are the cause of so many diseases of the Lungs, Heart, Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, Bladder, Bowels, Nerves and Blood. Its healing qualities are valuable, particularly in the treatment of the following disorders: Stomach Trouble, Indigestion, Catarrh of Stomach, Ulcers of the Stomach, Gallstones or Gravel, Gall Bladder Infection, Liver Complaints, Billiousness, Sick Headache, Loss of Sleep, Dizziness, Nervousness, Neuritis, Palpitation of the Heart, Arthritis, High Blood Pressure, Rheumatism, Sciatica, Gout, Lumbago, * * * Uric Acid in the Blood, Piles, Kidney Disorders, Pains in the Back, Bladder Trouble, Painful and Frequent Urination, Overweight, Asthma, Skin Disease, Anemia, Coughs, * * * LaGrippe, Impure Blood, Tired Feeling and a General Run Down System. Perhaps you may want to know why and how your system becomes congested with the accumulation of impurities and poisons which in medical terms are called 'poison toxins.' The chief cause is constipation, the Breeder of most of the diseases described. Science tells us constipation is the mother of 80 per cent of all diseases. Constipation is one of the greatest evils civilization wrought upon us humans. Constipation amongst primitive peoples does absolutely not exist: no wonder they enjoy better health, are happier, and live to a riper old age than we civilized mortals, without any aid of medical science. And, yet, civilization created still a greater evil when it encouraged the use of cathartics such as Salts, Pills, and many other harsh laxatives, most of which are of an irritating mineral origin which only gives immediate relief by stimulating intestines and bowels, irritating them, thereby causing paristalsis. Such irritation tends only to fatigue and weaken the intestines, inflaming the tissues they are made of. These organs eventually are not capable of functioning in the least, consequently developing a more chronic and serious nature of constipation. The only proper method